

with long term (50+) year horizon rather than by separate agencies with no budget sharing possibilities.

JOAN, *Sun Valley*.

Thank you for your letter regarding the high prices of gas and oil. I absolutely agree that many things need to be done to lower the prices. You mentioned many things, but action needs to be taken now in all areas you mentioned.

My husband and I are retired so we do not need to drive as much as others, but we have very little possibility of having an increase in our income to compensate for the high gas prices. We do, however, buy things that are affected by the rising prices in everything. Please take some action and report that to us.

One thing you did not mention is the war situation in Iraq. If we need to stay for some time because the country needs us, they should be paying for our help with their oil revenues.

ELLEN.

In response to your request for the Idaho experience re gasoline prices: My wife and I are recently retired as state of Idaho employees. As such, our income is now set and we no longer can anticipate even the miniscule raises sometimes provided by the state. As retirees we are certainly not unique in that regard, but we share with other retirees the inability to absorb the rapid and unjustified escalation of energy costs. We are fortunate to enjoy a comfortable home, although still with a mortgage. Because of the unjustified escalation of gasoline prices, we now find ourselves limiting our trips from home for shopping, medical appointments, visiting family, and just getting out of the house, to no more than twice a week. Those trips are carefully planned to incorporate as many needs as possible. Trips from home are now made for necessity. No longer do we enjoy the freedom to hop in the car for a "frivolous" jaunt. We now frequently forego fresh produce because of increased prices ostensibly the result of higher transportation costs. We purchase store brands in lieu of name brands. Dining out is now a true luxury and even then we often will order one meal and split it between ourselves. Clothes are sparingly purchased at store sales, and even thrift outlets.

As said above, we realize we are not unique in our circumstance. We understand that there is a seemingly acceptable inflationary scheme. But the inaction by Congress to adopt a meaningful energy policy requires this nation to rely on our enemies for our energy needs. It has also allowed the greed of commodity speculation to exacerbate an inordinate rise in prices to such an extent that even the Saudi's question its validity.

We categorically support a meaningful energy policy . . . one which eliminates detrimental environmental restrictions . . . realistic conservation . . . using our own oil reserves (ANWR, shale, offshore drilling), nuclear, wind, solar power . . . and build some refineries. Equally important, identify [those who are preventing commonsense policies from being undertaken]. It is time that those we have sent to Washington, D.C. do what they have been elected to do. Too many of us feel that this is not happening now and has not happened for far too long. Please share these comments with the rest of the Idaho delegation. Thanks for the opportunity to express our thoughts.

FRED and SANDY, *Meridian*.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN CATHERINE A. WILSON

• Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I would like to recognize a great American and true military heroine who has honorably served our country for over 29 years in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps: CAPT Catherine A. Wilson.

In May, 2006, Captain Wilson assumed command of Naval Hospital Bremerton. Prior to reporting, she completed a successful tour as the commanding officer of Expeditionary Medical Facility, Kuwait. Her command included the U.S. military hospital and nine troop medical clinics located throughout the country. Prior to deploying, she served as the executive officer, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton where she also commanded the fleet hospital.

Captain Wilson's past assignments included the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth where she was the Director of Fleet and Family Medicine. This Directorate was staffed by over 2,600 personnel and covered six service lines—family care, women and children's health, adult medical care, preventive care and wellness, emergent and urgent care, and behavioral care, plus nine branch medical clinics.

Captain Wilson served as the Deputy Director of the TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Region Lead Agent Office where she had direct impact on all military and civilian health care for over a million beneficiaries in Virginia and North Carolina. Her responsibilities included the administration of a \$3.1 billion managed care support contract.

In 1999, she was selected as a congressional detailee to my office, where she advised me on all health-related issues. Captain Wilson was a staff assistant for the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee for Defense, as well as the Labor, Health, and Human Services and Education Committee. Prior to working on Capitol Hill, she served as the Director of Regional Operations for TRICARE Mid-Atlantic.

Captain Wilson also worked at the Pentagon as the staff of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs. During this tour, she was the Deputy Director for Force Management, Senior Policy Analyst for TRICARE Operations Policy, and ultimately served as the chief of staff for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, health affairs, for Health Services Operations and Readiness. At that time, the MHS was a \$15.5 billion system, the Nation's second largest, and included the integrated delivery of health care to more than 8.2 million DOD beneficiaries worldwide. Captain Wilson's other executive management positions include a 4-year tour at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery as the Deputy of Enlisted Force Management and the Navy Surgeon General's representative for HIV and AIDS prevention education. Her duty assignments include the Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;

Naval Hospital Philadelphia; and the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.

Captain Wilson's military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, third award, Navy Meritorious Service Medal, fourth award, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Military Unit Commendation, second award, Overseas Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, second award, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. She is entitled to wear the Office of the Secretary of Defense identification badge and is the recipient of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, USUHS, Meritorious Service Award.

Captain Wilson's educational background includes a bachelor of science degree in nursing, a master of science degree in trauma/critical care nursing with a minor in education, and a master of science degree in human resources management and health policy. She is also certified in managed care by the Academy of Healthcare Management and earned a certificate in legislative studies from Georgetown University. She is married to Don D. Wilson, CAPT, MSC, USN (Ret.) and has two children and two grandchildren.

Captain Wilson is a meritorious leader, administrator, clinician, educator, and mentor. Throughout her career she has served with valor and profoundly impacted the entire Navy Medical Department. Her performance reflects exceptionally on herself, the U.S. Navy, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to CAPT Catherine A. Wilson on behalf of a grateful nation for her more than 29 years of dedicated military service.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISLE ROYALE WOLF/MOOSE STUDY

• Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 50th anniversary of the initiation of the Isle Royale Wolf/Moose research study, the longest running predator-prey study in the world. Scientific research has both enlightened and educated us, reshaping our lives in many profound ways. Continuing to critically study our environment and our impact on it is integral to our prosperity and survival as a nation and planet and will help to ensure future generations inherit a healthy world in which to live and thrive.

The remote Isle Royale National Park, located in the upper northwest corner of Lake Superior, serves as an "island laboratory" for scientists to study the interactions of the gray wolf and its primary prey, the moose. Mr. Durward Allen of Purdue University founded this effort in 1958 as a result of his desire to conduct research on an island "where the animals you are counting and studying do not wander away." Today, Mr. Allen's project is led by Mr. Rolf Peterson and Mr. John

Vucetich, both distinguished researchers affiliated with Michigan Technological University's School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. In partnership with the National Park Service, Michigan Technological University, and the volunteer efforts of Earthwatch, among many other contributors, this project has provided a wealth of information and has contributed in many important ways to our understanding of the interaction within and between these two species.

Today, scientists enjoy a deeper understanding of the complexities that exist within the gray wolf and moose populations that survive on Isle Royale. Through the depth and breadth of the research compiled through this study, we are better aware of the intricate nature of wolf pack leadership, social structure, and territorial interaction. We have also learned how parasites the size of a pinhead, en masse, can mortally wound an adult 900-pound moose.

I was fortunate to visit with Mr. Peterson during a trip to Isle Royale National Park in July of 2003. I left thoroughly impressed by the dedication and hard work of those involved with this study and was fascinated to learn about some of the information they have uncovered. I am certain that their efforts have enabled us to better understand the gray wolf and moose in an environment largely free from human influence.

We celebrate the lessons learned and the sharing of knowledge gained through the course of 50 years of observing wolves and moose on Isle Royale. All of us benefit from the application of the information attained through this study.

The health and well-being of our environment not only affects the quality of our daily lives but is one of the most significant legacies our generation will pass onto the next. I know my colleagues join me in recognizing the efforts and hard work of each person affiliated with this important project and wish them much success as they continue to shed light on the relationships of these species in Isle Royale.●

COMMENDING DR. EPHRAIM ZUROFF

● Mr. SMITH. Madam President, today I commend Dr. Ephraim Zuroff and the Simon Wiesenthal Center for their efforts to track down the last Nazi war criminals from World War II. Their work is enormously important, both in bringing the guilty to justice and preventing future acts of genocide. The statute of limitations does not—must not—expire on crimes against humanity. I am proud to assist Dr. Zuroff and his organization through the World War II War Crimes Accountability Act, which I introduced with Senator NELSON earlier this year.

Over the past weeks, Dr. Zuroff has traveled throughout South America in an effort to locate Dr. Aribert Heim,

one of the most wanted Nazis still at large. Dr. Heim, a former SS concentration camp doctor, was nicknamed "Dr. Death" for his brutal and sadistic experiments on camp inmates. At Mauthausen, the camp where he committed his worst crimes, Dr. Heim was known for murdering inmates by injecting toxins directly into their hearts. Though detained after the Second World War, Heim was subsequently released and remained free until 1962. After he was tipped off that German authorities intended to prosecute him for war crimes, he fled Germany and disappeared. Today, Dr. Heim is believed to be living in either the Chilean or Argentinean Patagonia region at the tip of South America. His family claims he died in 1993 after fleeing Germany, but Dr. Zuroff points out that the family has still not claimed one of his bank accounts holding over a million dollars. If he were dead, his relatives could receive that money by showing evidence of his death.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center launched Operation: Last Chance in 2002 to identify and assist in the prosecution of the remaining Nazi war criminals still at large. Dr. Zuroff, who has been leading this effort, should be highly commended for his outstanding efforts in bringing the most guilty Nazis to justice. Of these, Dr. Heim is at the top of his list.

Even today, the crimes of Heim and the Nazi regime strain our understanding of hate. National Socialist Germany today is an icon remembered only for its brutality, its mantra of genocide, and its culture of racism. And those last Nazis, who are waiting out their last days under the coming twilight, must not be allowed to go quietly into the night, as did too many of their victims. For the souls that were lost, and even more for those that remain, there must be justice. I commend Dr. Zuroff and the Simon Wiesenthal Center in the highest possible terms, and urge the U.S. Government to do all it can to help them in their cause.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3564. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4289. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Euripides Rubio Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

S. 231. An act to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 2607. An act to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 3145. An act to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

S. 3218. An act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7173. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Joseph F. Weber, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7174. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Evan M. Chanik, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7175. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7176. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7177. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a single function standard competition at Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7178. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of the authorization of Brigadier General Harold W. Moulton II, United States Air Force, to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7179. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((73 FR 36803)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7180. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management